

REMARKS

The response filed on March 29, 2009 is allegedly not fully responsive to the prior Office Action, and therefore has not been fully considered by the Examiner. The amendment to the specification and claims is allegedly not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. In particular, the use of single bracket in the March 29, 2009, amendment was improper and deletions of five characters or less in the March 29, 2009, amendment must be shown by double-bracketing. The Examiner required a supplemental amendment to resolve the outstanding issues.

Applicants have amended the specification and the claims to conform to the Examiner's requirement. In the present supplemental amendment, claims 1-5, 7-9, and 11-13 remain pending, claim 13 having been added, claims 2, 3, 8, and 9 having been withdrawn by the Examiner from further consideration, and claims 6 and 10 having been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

The amendment to the specification and claims is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

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